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SUBJECT: ROMANIAN INTEREST IN ENVIRONMENTAL COOPERATION

1. ON DECEMBER 23, SECOND SECRETARY OF THE ROMANIAN

EMBASSY, GHEORGHE DINDELEGAN, VISITED THE (BILATERAL PROGRAMS DIVISION, OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITIES)
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY TO LEARN MORE ABOUT EPA'S DOMESTIC AND INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS AND TO EXPRESS GENERAL INTEREST OF ROMANIAN GOVERNMENT IN SEEKING COOPERATIVE ENVIRONMENTAL CONTACTS.

2. DINDELEGAN SAID THAT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE HE WOULD PROVIDE A COPY OF THE "NORMATIVE ACT" WHICH "RECENTLY" CREATED A ROMANIAN ENVIRONMENTAL AGENCY. HE HOPES TO UNCLASSIFIED

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ENCOURGAGE THIS ORGANIZATION TO PREPARE SOME PROPOSALS FOR POSSIBLE US-ROMANIAN COOPERATION.

3. EPA EXPLAINED THAT COOPERATION SHOULD BE BASED ON JOINT OR COORDINATED WORK ON TOPICS OF MUTUAL INTEREST AND BENEFIT. (IN VIEW OF SOME PREVIOUS ROMANIAN OVERTURES WHICH ESSENTIALLY INVOLVED PROPOSALS FOR

MARKETING OF TECHNOLOGY ALREADY DEVELOPED AND PATENTED IN ROMANIA, REFERENCE WAS MADE TO PREMISE THAT JOINT WORK SHOULD BE IN DEVELOPMENT OF NEW TECHNIQUES OR TECHNOLOGY).

- 4. DINDELEGAN WAS PROVIDED WITH DUPLICATE SETS OF EPA BRIEFING PACKAGE, US ENVIRONMENTAL LAWS, AND INFORMATIVE BROCHURES. HE WILL SEND ONE TO THE ROMANIAN ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORITY. A NUMBER OF THESE ARE SAME AS PREVIOUSLY PROVIDED TO SCICOUNS SMITH IN DUPLICATE FOR DISTRIBUTION.
- 5. DINDELEGAN MENTIONED THAT HE HAD SPENT SOME TIME WITH CONSTANTSA MAYOR GHEORGHE TRANDAFIR DURING HOME LEAVE IN OCTOBER. TRANDAFIR EXPRESSED GREAT SATISFACTION WITH HIS VISIT TO EPA EARLIER IN YEAR, AND HAS APPARENTLY ENCOURAGED HIS FRIENDS IN THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT TO DEVELOP CLOSER TIES WITH EPA.
- 6. DEPT. AND EPA WILL OF COURSE CONTSNUE TO KEEP EMBASSY APPRISED OF CONTACTS HERE BY ROMANIANS. WE WILL ALSO ASSURE THAT EMBASSY HAS OPPORTUNITY TO REVIEW AND COMMENT ON ANY ROMANIAN SUGGESTIONS FOR AGENCY TO AGENCY COOPERATION.
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